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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

10,400' Zone, Reservoir A, TOPSY FIELD, Jefferson
Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

COX & PERKINS EXPLORATION, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A, in the Topsy Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated 10400' RA SUA.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that future wells drilled within or outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation may reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such a reclassification be warranted based on evidence furnished to the Commissioner.
7. To define the 10,400' Zone, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 10,237 feet and 10,760 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Hunt Oil Company--10400 RA SUA; H. C. Drew Estate No. 1 Well (SN 227854), located in Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Allen Parish, Louisiana.

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8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

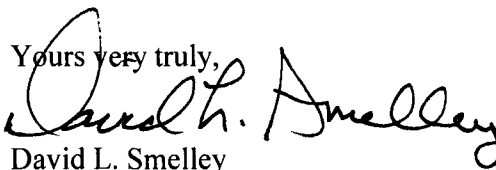
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated March 30, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set April 21, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No person requested the pre-application conference within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; accordingly, no conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Topsy Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


--
David L. Smelley
Attorney for Cox & Perkins Exploration, Inc.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)
Ms. Connie Noble (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.